

ADDING VALUE TO ARM PRECIPITATION RADAR MEASUREMENTS

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ABSTRACT

The procurement of a network of C- and X-band scanning radars has lead to a flow of specialized measurements, which need value-adding to be of use to a wider cross-section of the ASR and broader modeling community. This presentation will outline the plans and systems being implemented in order to retrieve geophysical parameters from multiple sensors in a three-dimensional domain over the ARM sites. A particular focus will be on parameters highlighted in recent white papers by the Science and Infrastructure Steering Committee, specifically vertical velocity and quantitative precipitation estimates. Example algorithms will be highlighted and first results presented.

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